

REMARKS

Claims 9 – 29 are pending in the application.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

The Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims directed toward patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, including:

Species I, Figures 2, 8, 9 and 10;

Sub-Species I-a, Figures 3 and 4;

Sub-Species I-b, Figure 5;

Sub-Species I-c, Figure 6;

Sub-Species I-d, Figure 7;

Species II, Figures 11 and 12;

Species III, Figures 13 – 15; and

Species IV, Figures 16 – 19.

Applicant elects Species IV for prosecution on the merits. Applicant notes that claims 9 – 29 as presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed on February 11, 2004 are readable on Species IV.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Election of Species. Prompt and favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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